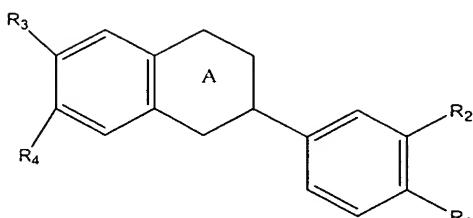


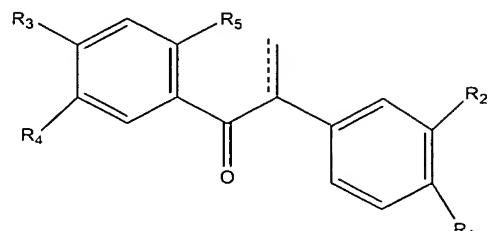
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1. (As originally submitted) A compound of the formula I or formula

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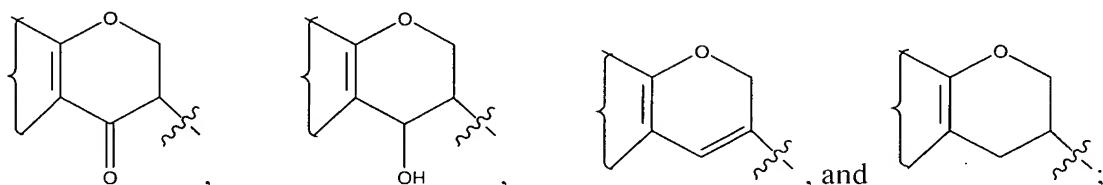


(I)



(II)

in which A is selected from the group consisting of



one of R₁ and R₂ is selected from H, OH and OCH₃, and the other of R₁ and R₂ is selected from OH and OCH₃;

one of R₃ and R₄ is selected from H, OH and OCH₃, and the other of R₃ and R₄ is selected from OH and OCH₃;

provided that at least one of the pairs R₁, R₂ and R₃, R₄ are both OH;

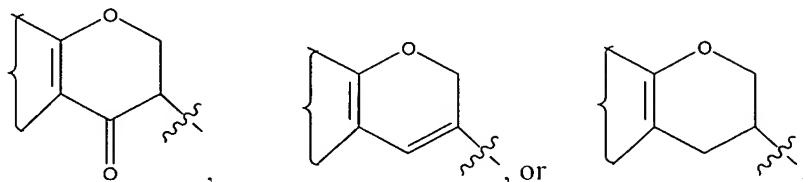
R₅ is selected from OH and OCH₃; and

----- denotes a single or double bond;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof;

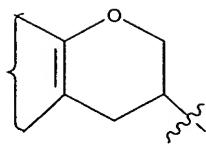
with the proviso that

(a) when A is



and R₃ and R₄ are both OH then R₂ is other than H; and

(b) when A is



and R₃ and R₄ are both OH and R₂ is OCH₃, then R₁ is other than H or OCH₃.

2. (As originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1,

wherein

one of R₁ and R₂ is selected from H and OH, and the other of R₁ and R₂ is OH;

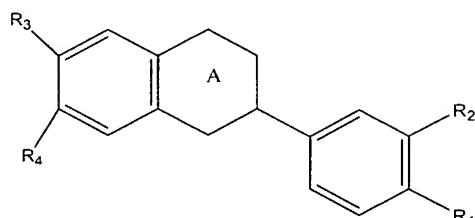
one of R₃ and R₄ is selected from H and OH, and the other of R₃ and R₄ is OH;

provided that at least one of the pairs R₁, R₂ and R₃, R₄ are both OH;

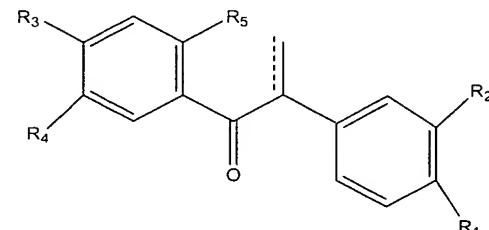
R₅ is OH; and

----- denotes a single or double bond.

3. (As originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 of the formula (IA) or (IIA)



(IA)



(IIA)

wherein A is as defined in claim 1;

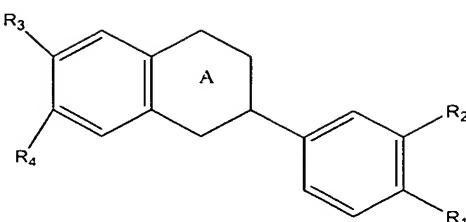
R₂ is H, and R₁ is selected from OH and OCH₃;

R₃ and R₄ are each OH;

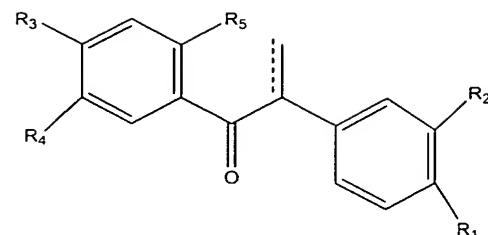
R₅ is selected from OH and OCH₃; and

----- denotes a single or double bond.

4. (As originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 of the formula (IB) or (IIB)



(I)B



(II)B

wherein A is as defined in claim 1;

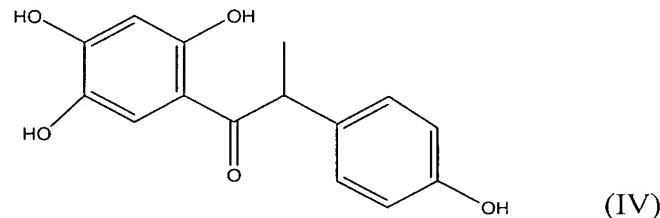
R₁ and R₂ are each OH;

R₃ is H, and R₄ is selected from OH and OCH₃;

R₅ is selected from OH and OCH₃; and

— denotes a single or double bond.

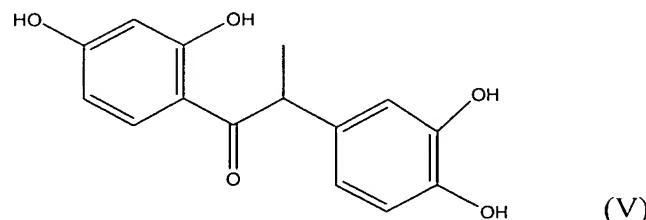
5. (As originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 which is 5-hydroxy-O-demethylangolesin (5-hydroxy-O-Dma) [1-(2, 4, 5-trihydroxyphenyl)-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-propan-1-one] having the structure (IV):



(IV)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

6. (As originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 which is 3'-hydroxy-O-demethylangolesin (3'-hydroxy-O-Dma) [1-(2, 4, dihydroxyphenyl)-2-(3, 4-dihydroxyphenyl)-propan-1-one] having the structure (V):

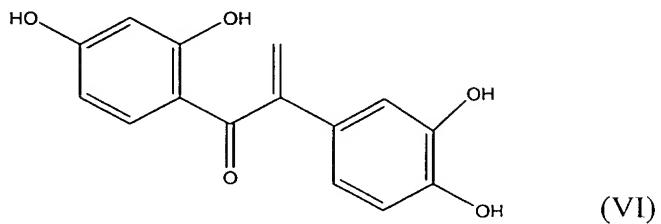


(V)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

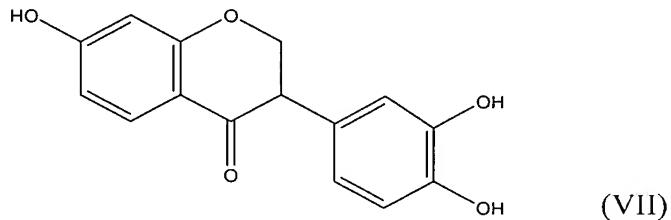
7. (As originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 which is 3'-hydroxy-O-demethyldehydroangolesin (3'-hydroxydehydro-O-Dma) [1-(2, 4-

dihydroxyphenyl)-2-(3, 4-dihydroxyphenyl)-prop-2-en-1-one] having the structure (VI):



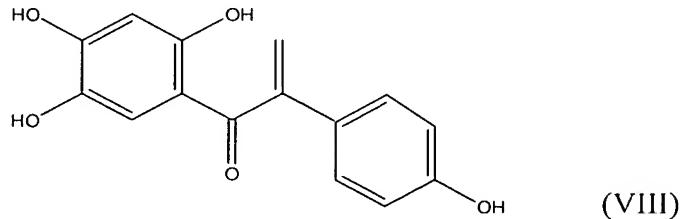
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

8. (As originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 which is 3'-hydroxy-dihydroaidzein having the structure (VII):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

9. (As originally submitted) A compound according to claim 1 which is 1-(2, 4, 5-trihydroxyphenyl)-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-prop-2-en-1-one having the structure (VIII):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

10. (As originally submitted) A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more compounds according to claim 1, in association with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, adjuvants, diluents and/or excipients.

11. (As originally submitted) A food or drink composition, which

contains one or more compounds according to claim 1.

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